

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15 are allowed. An amendment has been made to Claim 1 solely for the purpose of correcting a grammatical error. Claims 16, 18-20, 23 and 24 stand rejected. Claims 17, 21, 22 and 25 stand objected to.

Objections of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 102:

Claims 17, 21, 22 and 25 stand objected to however, the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability as to these claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks hereinbelow. Claims 17 and 25 have been so amended. Claim 22 now depends from claim 25.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. 102:

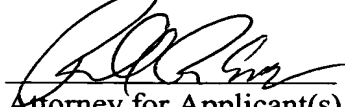
Claims 16, 20, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Petruchik et al. (US 5,619,738). Claims 16 and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 20 and 24 have been amended and now depend from claims 17 and 25 respectively.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. 103:

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Petruchik in view of Reeley (US 5,619,257). Claims 18 and 19 have been amended and now ultimately depend upon claim 17.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments and remarks, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

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